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NEHALEM VALLEY NOW NEARER ST. HELENS

PITTSBURG ROAD OPEN

Road is Improved and Trip Can Now Be Made by Automobile

The automobile and road editor of the Mist has heard from the lips of Clyde Sutherland and Frank George how they drove a sturdy Buick from Vernonia to St. Helens via the Pittsburg road in a few minutes more than two hours. He has heard Judson Weed, county commissioner tell how he came over the road in an auto in less than three hours and he has also heard Glen Metsker tell of how he drove his Hupmobile over the hills and used only high and intermediate gears. We have no reason to dispute the words of any of the gentlemen named, but we must confess that after walking over the road we thought Sutherland's story was about as truthful as the fish story he told and that Judson Weed probably didn't look at his watch when leaving Vernonia and that Metsker mistook low gear for intermediate, so when Sheriff Stanwood drove up at the Mist office and asked if we would like to accompany him and Glen Metsker on a trip to Nehalem, naturally we said all right and hepped to the sheriff's car.

The trip to Tremholm, 11 miles, was made in 45 minutes and without rushing, the little car kept up a steady pace until when going up the log hill from the Clatskanie river to the old Sobieski place, the car passed and almost died out. Metsker quickly sprang out and put his shoulder to the wheel and Stanwood, seeing that it was unnecessary to use gasoline, let Metsker push the car up the hill and Metsker didn't catch on until Stanwood put on a little more juice.

After passing the sixteen mile hill, the little car went along nicely until a big log across the road stopped further progress. Stanwood was equal to the occasion and ran the little around the road and through the timber and high ferns and finally landed in the road. Mrs. Morton who had her camera ready for a snapshot, was so excited by seeing the car and the sheriff come through the tall ferns that she forgot to take a picture. The rest of the trip to Pittsburg was uneventful and fairly good time made.

From Pittsburg to Mist, a distance of 12 miles, the road is almost as good as a hard surfaced pavement, and to Birkenfeld, six miles further, down the valley, the road is as good as can be wished for. Road Supervisor Jim Hill has been constantly on the job and has this thoroughfare in exceptionally good condition.

Birkenfeld, the little town founded and named after Antone Birkenfeld, is growing. A new garage is under construction; a new schoolhouse is being planned and will soon be built; and the old Birkenfeld mill has been bought by the Tip Top Lumber company, who have remodelled it and it is now running full time and cutting 25,000 feet of lumber daily. One mile beyond Birkenfeld and on the highway, the Johnson company is putting in a sawmill which will have a daily capacity of 15,000 feet daily. The output of both mills, except that which is used locally, will be shipped via rail over the Kerry railroad which is now open to traffic.

The road from Mist to Clatskanie, a distance of 10 miles is in excellent condition and the trip over the mountain can easily be made in 45 minutes.

From Clatskanie to St. Helens, the trip was made over the highway, coming via Ingalls and the Beaver Canyon road. Most of this is completed and in fine condition and the ride through the canyon is a beautiful one.

From Delena several miles east, the road is completed and good time can be made, but several miles from Rainier, construction work is in progress and the road is a little rough. Contractor Clark, who is doing this work, has a full crew at work and by September 1st, will probably have the road macadamized from Rainier to the place where his contract joins the Herrold work. U. S. DeSpain,

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LOCAL RED CROSS ELECTS OFFICERS

Annual Election—Committees Are Appointed

The annual election of the local Red Cross was held Wednesday afternoon. Quite a number were in attendance and considerable interest taken. The following officers were selected to serve for the ensuing year:

Chairman—Mrs. H. W. Fogel.
Vice-Chairman—Mrs. E. T. Laws.
Secretary—Miss Dora Shaffer.
Treasurer—Mrs. Minnie Doleshal.
The committees appointed were:
Membership—Mrs. Thos. Isbister, Mrs. W. H. Davies and Mrs. Hubar Blakesley.
Finance—Mrs. Minnie Doleshal, Mrs. L. G. Ross and Mrs. A. J. Deming.
Military Relief—Mrs. Thos. Isbister, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Mrs. H. J. Southard.
Publicity—Mrs. Huba Blakesley and Mrs. J. W. Allen.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$62.00 on hand. It was decided to expend some of the money in the purchase of yarn so that necessary articles might be made for the soldier boys from Columbia county. Heretofore, the entire supply has come from Portland and an insufficient supply has been sent to meet the demands.

The St. Helens auxiliary now has a membership of over 100.

U. S. CONVOY SERVICE IS EXCITING LIFE

On the Lookout for Hun Subs is No Sleepy Man's Job

A. H. Gardner, for several years chief engineer of the McCormick steamers, Multnomah and Wapama and also the motor vessel City of Portland, is now in the government service and making trips across the Atlantic. The following interesting letter was received by E. I. Ballagh, who kindly handed it in to the Mist, so the many St. Helens friends of Mr. Gardner would know of his whereabouts.

New York, July 21, 1918
Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Ballagh,
St. Helens, Oregon.

Dear Friends:—Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive and have not forgotten you.

I have been calling out of New York across the Atlantic, but I am going home soon. My wife is not feeling well. She has been worrying about my running across the Atlantic and the dangers of getting torpedoed and has had a nervous breakdown, so I will go home for awhile and work ashore.

Well, Ed, it is exciting all right, at times, but that makes it interesting; running at night without lights, about 30 or 40 ships in a convoy, torpedo boats and light cruisers as a guard and the speed gauged by the slowest ship and when a submarine is sighted, every ship blazes away at the sub until it disappears.

I always sleep with one eye open when we get half way across, for they don't give any warning, those d— submarines.

Please give my regards to my friends in St. Helens and my kindest regards to yourself, wife and children.

Your friend,
A. H. GARDNER,
Chief Engineer S. S. Apache.

STUDY FIRST AID FOR HOME SERVICE

The first meeting of the ladies who are taking a course in Elementary Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick, was held in the basement of the Methodist church Monday evening. Mrs. L. G. Ross, who has charge of the instruction in these lines, took up the first lesson with the two classes, each of which number twenty. Dr. L. G. Ross also gave a very interesting lecture on first aid. There is a scarcity of nurses owing to so many of them having gone abroad for army work, and the government is urging the women of the country to learn how to do nurse work so it can be practiced, at least, in their own homes. The course of study covers 15 lessons and as many lectures and the ladies of St. Helens are taking much interest in the study.

MORE MEN LEAVE FOR ARMY AUG. 6

UNDER CALL NO. 972

Nine Columbia County Men to go to Camp Fremont, California

The local board, through Clerk La Bare, has sent out notices to nine more Columbia county men, notifying them to report at St. Helens, on Tuesday, August 6th at 1:30 in the afternoon. The men will leave for Portland on the 3:53 train and with other drafted men, leave for California, Tuesday night. They are due to arrive at Camp Fremont, California, at 11 o'clock Thursday. Those who will go are:

Clifford Stokes, St. Helens
John W. McCully, Clifton Oregon.
Ernest G. Laemmle, Portland.
William G. Reid, St. Helens.
Thomas C. Johnson, Clatskanie.
George K. Koberstein, Clatskanie.
Robert L. Berg, Birkenfeld.
Einar Hermo, Quincy.
Leslie E. Dodson, Seapooose.

Alternates—
Alfred Parkinen, Mist.
Lester G. Brinson, Rainier.

Call Number 1085 is announced for five men from Columbia county, who have had a grammar school education or its equivalent and who have some aptitude for mechanical work, to report to commanding officer Benson Polytechnic Institute for instructions as to auto mechanics, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, machinists, plumbers and sheet metal workers.

Applications for voluntary induction will be received by local board until August 6, unless allotment has been filled prior to said date.

On August 7th a sufficient number of volunteers have not come forth to fill allotment, local board will proceed to select in sequence of order numbers a sufficient number of qualified men from within class one to complete allotment.

DOCTOR DONEY WILL BE HERE WEDNESDAY

Will Tell of Conditions in France and England

Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Wilkes University will be here on Wednesday night and deliver a lecture at the city hall. Dr. Doney recently returned from France and England, countries he visited in the interest of the Y. M. C. A., and will have first hand information relative to conditions of those countries and also our American soldiers. Dr. Doney has been making a tour of the state and at every place he has been, was greeted by large crowds who wished to know of existing conditions across the ocean. There will be no admission charged and a large crowd, will no doubt, turn out to hear the doctor.

ATTEND EPWORTH CONVENTION

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Hisey and Misses Helen Hisey, Florence Van Gilder, Katie Lynch and Annette Payne returned Monday from Jefferson, Oregon, where they attended the Epworth League Convention. The party from St. Helens had their own camp and did their own cooking and camp work, and in addition to having a pleasant time, enjoyed the lectures and work of the convention. Rev. Hisey was in charge of the recreation and culture work. The attendance this year was much larger than last year and the interest manifest in the work was most gratifying to those in charge.

OFFICERS ON LOOKOUT FOR ESCAPED CONVICTS

A rumor was circulated Thursday that a person answering the description of Bennett Thompson, the murderer who escaped from the penitentiary several days ago, had been seen near the city park. Marshals Potter and Blakesley investigated the matter but could find no evidence that any one answering the description had been seen in this locality. The sheriff and other officers of the county are on the lookout for the escaped convicts although there is little probability they are headed this way.

RESTAURANTS MUST HAVE CITY LICENSE

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Council Decides on Having Restaurants Operate Under Licenses

The city council met in regular session Monday night, all councilmen being present except J. W. Allen, who was absent from the city. The first matter out of the box an ordinance was introduced to license and regulate restaurants, cafes and eating houses. The license fee was set at \$1.00 per quarter and none can start such a business without first obtaining from the council a license and proving himself to be of a good moral character. Those connected with the restaurant or eating house, must also show to the satisfaction of the investigating committee of the council, that they also are of good character. The council believed an emergency to exist so hitched on the emergency clause to the ordinance and it went through by unanimous vote and is now a law.

The matter of purchasing or rather accepting the fire truck which the former mayor and council purchased was brought up. Mr. Wright representing A. G. Long & Co., from whom the truck was purchased, was present. His firm, he said, had received a notice signed by both the mayor and recorder that since the truck was not delivered on contract time, the contract was to be cancelled. Mr. Wright explained that the government had taken over a considerable portion of their factory and had the right to demand government service first, and under the circumstances, he was powerless to give the city preference over the government. He promised the delivery or shipment of the truck during August. The mayor then forgot his hasty action and agreed with the councilmen to accept the truck when it arrived.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the marshal at \$100 per month and the salary of the recorder at \$45 per month was read the first and second times. McDonald did not seem in favor of the ordinance as he stated he had been told that a capable man could be secured to fill both the positions of marshal and deputy marshal at \$125 per month. The final reading of the ordinance will come up next Monday night.

Marshal Potter reported that the walkway leading from the dock where the barges and boats land with shipyard workers was unsafe. The city attorney expressed the opinion that if any accident occurred the city would be liable, whereupon the mayor instructed the recorder to notify M. Hoven, who has a lease on the property, to either make the walk safe or tear it down.

Reports were made as to the unsafe condition of the sidewalks near the residences of M. F. Hazen and L. W. Richardson. It was ordered that the walks be torn down.

A few matters of minor importance were taken up and discussed but no definite action taken and the council adjourned.

CHATAUQUA COMING TO ST. HELENS

The Radcliffe Chatauqua will be in St. Helens, August 20, 21 and 22, and the citizens of St. Helens and nearby communities will have the opportunity to hear some of the foremost lecturers of the country. In addition to the lectures, a program of music by the Neapolitan male quartette and the Metropolitan company will further add to the program of the first two days and the David Dugan Company will give a concert on the third night, following a lecture, "When the boys come home," by a noted lecturer. The St. Helens people who have charge of the chatauqua have been working hard and a sufficient number of tickets have been sold to guarantee the financial success of the chatauqua.

A fire alarm was turned in at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The grass on the flat near the Columbia Contract company's quarry was burning and threatened several buildings. The fire department responded promptly and no damage resulted.

GERMAN PRISONERS IN ENGLAND

By E. G. Pipp

England Lives Up to Agreement in Taking Care of Prisoners

We are glad to announce to the readers of the Mist that arrangements have been made with Mr. Pipp whereby the Mist will receive other articles relating to the situation in France. Mr. Pipp, who formerly was editor-in-chief of the Detroit Tribune recently returned from France and his stories which will appear in this paper each week, are full of interest and are the facts as he saw them.

It is impossible to get back of the German lines to learn the composition of the German army, but it is not impossible to learn something of that army. This was done by seeing a great many men and boys from the army in prison camps in England and France.

Not far from London there is a camp for German officers who have been captured by the British. As we approached this camp, we saw 40 men in the blue-gray uniform of Germany, marching along the roadside for exercise. These men were permitted to take the exercise outside the guarded camp on their honor to return and to make no trouble for the three unarmed British officers who accompanied them. They lived up to this pledge. Besides having given their word, they must have realized that it would be difficult to get out of England should they attempt to make a break for liberty. They were not permitted, however, to go near any city or village.

The camp itself was surrounded by barbed wire entanglements and watched over by guards with rifles. There were 300 German officers in the camp when we visited it and enough private soldiers, also German prisoners of war, to act as orderlies.

We were first taken into a room, the size of a small church. There was a platform in one end and benches in the body of the room. On the platform was a piano, and a young officer was playing. Another was playing a violin and a third a cornet. Two others were working at easels in another corner.

The men in this room were young, very young for officers. The first one approached a bright-eyed, kindly faced youth, who said he had entered the army at 16, was then 19, and a lieutenant when captured. His great desire in life was to get back to his studies. Another, no older, wanted to get back to his work as an engraver. Many other young men in the room were under 20, and all officers. One, found to be as old as 21, said that he had entered the German army at 15, before the war, but he did not seem to have the German military spirit as we understand it.

But the fact that here were a number of boys, very young, all officers when captured—the fact they were in this camp made it sure they were officers—reveals how pressed Germany is for men. The school boy is pressed into the service and made to carry responsibilities.

But—
In another room were older men—majors, captains, men up to 35 or 40, men steeped in German militarism, men who seemed to be apart from the young men seen in the first room. These older men had books and magazines and newspaper, and were in easy chairs, leisurely smoking and reading.

There could be seen in numbers men whom from their very appearances you would not trust.

One major was approached and his whole bearing was so pronounced one of deception and falsehood that it was not deemed worth while to waste breath on him. Another talked entertainingly and plausibly. His manner was pleasing, but there was something about it all that would leave one wondering.

"What about him?" was asked an attendant.

"The biggest liar in camp," was the prompt reply.

There was a chapel, a part of the prison camp. In this were two officers, one practicing on a musical instrument, the other working on a

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HOME TEAM WINS FROM STANDIFER-CLARKSON

SCORE WAS SIX TO TWO

McCormicks Tighten Grip on First Place in League

	W.	L.	Pct.
McCormick	8	0	1000
Standifer	6	2	.750
Cornfoot	6	2	.750
Foundation	5	3	.625
Peninsula	2	6	.250
Smith-Porter	1	7	.125

Although the Portland baseball scribes for weeks have led the public to guess that Standifer-Clarkson was to give the McCormick team of the Shipbuilders League a regular drubbing, the prophecies of these wise ones were not confirmed and the home team went on their regular way of winning ball games. When the last man was out in the ninth inning the score board showed six for St. Helens and two for Standifer, so the baseball scribes and other prejudiced persons were forced to admit that St. Helens was the winner of the game.

St. Helens started off by scoring in the first frame. Mensor walked and reached third when Moore missed Pillette's low throw of Pike's sacrifice fielder's choice. Locker hit into a double play and Mensor scored. Standifer evened up matters in their half of the second but St. Helens came back strong in the third and chased over a brace of runs. After Haughland fanned, Mensor was safe on Garrity's error. He stole second. Pike flew to Moore and Locker came through with a single to center scoring Mensor and took second on the throw in. Feurborn singled through short and a double steal put Locker across the plate. To make matters doubly sure, the lads from St. Helens added one more tally in the fourth and two in the eighth. Harstad let up a little in the ninth and Standifer scored one.

Harstad, while not in his usual good form, pitched a steady game, allowing only five hits while St. Helens garnered 12 off the delivery of big Pillette.

The umpiring of Rankin was good and he gave St. Helens a fair deal.

The score—
St. Helens

	B	H	O	A	E
Mensor s	3	0	4	1	1
Pike, c	3	0	3	1	4
Locker, 1	5	2	8	1	1
Feurborn, 3	5	1	3	1	1
W. Cartwright, 2	3	1	2	3	1
Reid, cf	2	4	2	3	0
Harstad, p	5	3	0	5	0
S Cartwright, r	4	1	3	0	0
Haughland, lf	4	2	1	0	0
Totals	35	1p	27	12	5

Standifer

	B	H	O	A	E
Johnson, lf	5	0	0	0	0
Garrity, s	4	1	2	5	1
Carman, r	4	0	0	0	0
Moore, 2	5	1	3	2	1
Marshall, c	3	1	7	3	1
Walters, 1	3	1	9	0	0
Coleman, 3	3	0	1	3	0
Hartman, cf	3	1	2	0	1
Pillette, p	2	0	3	0	0
* Lutge	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	27	16	4

*Batted for Pillette in ninth.

St. Helens 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 2 0—6

Standifer 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1—2

Summary—Runs: Mensor 2, Locker, Reid, Harstad 2, Johnson, Walters. Two-base hits: Walters, Garrity, Locker, Haughland. Stolen bases: W. Cartwright, Mensor, Locker, Feurborn. Double play: Garrity to Moore to Walters. Base on balls: off Pillette 4, Harstad 4. Struck out: by Pillette 6, Harstad 3. Hit by pitched ball, Garrity by Pillette. Sacrifice hit: Pike, Mensor 2, Carman. Wild pitch: Pillette. Time of game, 2:20. Umpires Rankin and Jackson.

Notes of the Game

Reid is recovering his batting eye. He secured two nice hits in Sunday's game.

Almost 100 fans went up on the Steamer Iralda, which was chartered for the occasion and many others went via auto, so St. Helens was well represented with loyal rooters.

Next Sunday McCormicks meet the Grant Smith-Porter team at St. Johns. The Iralda has been chartered for the trip and thus an opportunity will be given many rooters to attend.